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SUBJ: GATT TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING

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SUMMARY: GOB WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME POINTS IN GENEVA DRAFT GIVEN MORE EMPHASIS BUT WE DOUBT IT WILL WAVE THE BLOODY SHIRT. ACTION REQUESTED: COURTESIES IN SAN FRANCISCO.

1. ECONOFF DISCUSSED USG'S CONCERNS ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF CECLA STATEMENT WITH FONOFF'S CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
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ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, ERWIN ORTIZ WHO, WITH FONMIN MARIO GUTIERREZ, WILL REPRESENT BOLIVIA AT TOKYO MEETING. ORTIZ WAS ALSO GOB REPRESENTATIVE AT CECLA SESSIONS IN BRASILIA.

2. ORTIZ SAID GOB HAS MOST POSITIVE ATTITUDE ABOUT TOKYO MEETING AND STRONGLY DESIRES THAT THE SESSIONS BE PRODUCTIVE. THE GOB VIEWS MEETING AS THE OPENING OF WHAT IS HOPED WILL BE TECHNICAL ECONOMIC CONVERSATIONS AND NOT RPT NOT A FORUM FOR POLITICAL ADDRESSES.

3. ORTIZ SAID THE GOB DESIRES TO REPOSE "MUCH FAITH" IN THE DECLARATION WHICH THE TOKYO MEETING WILL ISSUE. HE SAID THE GOB LIKES THE GENEVA DRAFT DECLARATION BUT BELIEVES THE DRAFT CAN BE AMENDED IN THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS TO STRENGTHEN IT IN FAVOR OF THE LDC'S AND, ESPECIALLY, BOLIVIA:

A. POINT 6 OF GENEVA DRAFT SHOULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE "Y PAISES EN DESARROLLO SIN LITORAL (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHOUT SEACOAST)" TO GIVE SUCH COUNTRIES EVEN GREATER PREFERENCES SINCE THEIR PROBLEMS ARE GREATER. (SEE PARA 2. G. OF REFB). ORTIZ SAID INITIATIVE ON THIS POINT CAME ORIGINALLY FROM LAND-LOCKED AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THAT BOLIVIA SEES CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN THE APPROACH.

B. GIVE GREATER EMPHASIS TO THE COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES (PARA 2. I. OF REF B). ORTIZ SAID THE GOB BELIEVES THAT SIMPLE TARIFF REDUCTIONS BY DEVELOPED NATIONS (N.B.: HE SAID "ESPECIALLY JAPAN") IN FAVOR OF LDC'S ARE PERFORCE DESIRED, BUT INSUFFICIENT TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF LDC'S.

4. ORTIZ SAID GOB REGARDS THE TOKYO STATEMENT AS A "FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE" AND A VERY PRACTICAL DOCUMENT WHICH WILL ENUMERATE OBJECTIVES TO BE WORKED OUT "LITTLE BY LITTLE AND STEP BY STEP" IN LATER DISCUSSIONS IN APPROPRIATE FORUMS. AS SUCH, SOME CONSIDERATION OF A BINDING NATURE WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE JURIDICAL STATUS OF COUNTRIES NOT SIGNATORY TO GATT, ORTIZ BELIEVES. ASKED DIRECTLY IF GOB WILL PROPOSE OR SUPPORT AMENDMENTS TO GENEVA DRAFT, ORTIEZ SAID DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN.

5. ORTIZ AND GUTIERREZ PLAN TO DEPART BOLIVIA VIA BRANIFF 920 EVENING OF AUGUST 8, ARRIVING SAN FRANCISCO SUNDAY AT 8:00 A.M. TO CHANGE FOR TOKYO.

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6 ORTIZ SAID HE WANTS TO DICUSS GOB'S POSITION AND INTERESTS WITH USDEL IN TOKYO. HE HAS A FAIR TO GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH, AND SEEMS TO BE A REASONABLE YOUNG (35ISH) MAN.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES GOB DELEGATION DOES NOT INTEND TO SEE TOKYO MEETING DESCEND INTO A POLITICAL SHOUTING MATCH BUT

PROBABLY WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS TO AMEND DECLARATION ALONG LINES INDICATED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. WE ALSO SUSPECT GOB WOULD SUPPORT PARLIMENTARY MOVE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WE FEEL GOB UNLIKELY TO BE THE PRIME MOVER ON ANY POINT ALTHOUGH IT COULD BE ON THE QUESTION OF GIVING ADDITIONAL PREFERENCES TO LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE, BOLIVIA HAS LONG BEEN FRUSTRATED AND EMBITTERED BY THE LACK OF A SEACOAST. WE BELIEVE THE GOB DELEGATION WOULD BE HAPPY TO TRADE ALMOST ALL ITS HORSES FOR A MODICUM OF USG SUPPORT IN THIS AREA.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ALERT SAN FRANCISCO RECEPTION CENTER TO EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES TO GOB DELEGATION.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SAN FRANCISCO RECEPTION CENTER (SEE FINAL PARA).

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